CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The Bluebird.

A dreamy haze of sunlight floats
Across the shining fields of snow
And rippling through the glory, flow
A few delicious, liquid notes.

It is the first warm day of Spring,
When tender breezes wander by;
And bluer than the soft blue sky
I see the bluebirds radiant wing.

Thy message, gentle bird, I know;
Immortal hope thou bringest me
Of love and beauty yet to be;
Of Summers sure beyond the snow.

SEL.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column. I am eleven years old. I have three sisters. Our school closed the 3rd of March. I was not absent nor tardy the whole term of school. My teacher's name was Miss Florence Jaco. She gave me a nice present the last day of school. I study Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Geography and Spelling. I live in the town of Terra Alta. I attend the Presbyterian Sabbath school. I will close by asking a question. What was the name of the city to which Lot fled.

SADIE M. FREELAND.

Terra Alta, W. Va.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would try and write another letter for your paper. My mother takes the paper. We like it very much. My father, mother and one sister belong to the Brethren church. We have no school now but we will have next month. Miss Anna McClay will teach. I think I can answer Jennie Shaffer's question. What was the first miracle that Jesus did. It is in John the 2nd chapter and 9 verse. He turned water into wine. I will quit for this time. I will write a verse.

You may not thrust it from you,
You dare not cast it down;
But struggling on remember,
Without the cross no crown.

ADA MENSER.

Curllsville, Pa.

DEAR EDITOR: I am a little stranger to you, and this is my first attempt to write. My ma takes the EVANGELIST, and I like to read the children's letters very much. Our school was out last Friday. My teacher's name was Rachel E. Ward. I studied Arithmetic, Grammar, Spelling, Reading, Writing, Geography and History. I have one brother sixteen years old. I am eleven years old. I like to go to Sabbath schoo. but I don't get to attend very often. Ma belongs to the Brethren church. I will close this time by asking a question, hoping to receive an answer. In which chapter of the Bible is all the letters of the Alphabet?

Yours Respectfully,
FLORENCE V. BLACK.

Roann, Ind.

DEAR EDITOR: As I have not written for a long time I will try and write a few lines for the Children's Column. I love to read their letters. Although the writers are all strange, but I love to read their letters just as well. My father, sister and I belong to the Brethren church. Our school closed the 3rd of March. My teacher's name was Mr. Wm. B. Freeland. We have no school here now. I attend the Presbyterian Sabbath school and church. I will close by asking a question. What good woman did the apostle Peter raise from the dead?

Yours Truly,
LAURA A. FREELAND.

Terra Alta, W Va.

DEAR EDITOR: I am a little stranger to you and this is my first attempt to write. I go to school. My studies are Writing, Reading, Spelling and Arithmetic. My teacher's name is Miss Minnie Greene I am eleven years old. I have six sisters and two brothers. My father, mother, my two oldest sisters and brother belong to the Brethren church. Bro. A. J. Hixson is our Elder. I love to read the little boys' and girls' letters. I will close for this time, with love to all the dear little friends.

Yours in love,
LETTIE M. RUBLE.

Lakeside, Kans.

DEAR EDITOR: I thought I would write a letter to help fill up the column. This is my first attempt to write. I am twelve years old. I will answer Jennie Shaffer's question. The first miracle that Christ did was, turning water into wine. It is in the second chapter of John 7 and 8 verses. Laura L. Shrock's question, Adam was 930 years old when he died. Genesis 5 chapter, 5 verse. I will close by asking a question. How many verses are there in the longest psalm in the Bible?

QUINTER L. BROWER.

Roann, Ind.

DEAR EDITOR: This is my first attempt to write for the Children's Column, which I love very much to read. I am nine years old. I have been going to school all winter. Our school closed the 26th of March. My studies were Reading, Writing, Arithmetic and Geography. We had no Sabbath school this winter. They organized one last Sabbath. Hope we will have a good Sabbath school this summer. Eld. Summers preached his farewell sermon on the 14th of March. We were sorry to see him leave. Eld. Swihart will preach here the coming year. Papa and mamma belong to the Brethren church. There is prayer meeting every Sabbath evening. I am going to plant a flower bed and try to raise some nice flowers. Hope I may be industrious enough to keep the weeds down, so the flowers can grow nicely. I am the only one writing from this part of Indiana. If this is not thrown into the waste basket, I may write again. Hope to hear from other little boys and girls of this part.

ADA CUNNINGHAM.

Bunker Hill, Ind.

DEAR EDITOR: It is not with the multiplicity of words that I endeavor to write for the EVANGELIST, but as I read the papers, I learn that so many of my young friends have written quite able pieces and I therefore will try to the best of my ability to write a few lines for the EVANGELIST. I like to read the EVANGELIST. I am twelve years old. Our school closed on Friday, March 26th. We had a basket picnic in daytime, and in the evening we had a concert. The audience was large. We had both vocal and instrumental music. Miss Ida Wertenberger, from Louisville, Ohio, played the organ for us. She is a good musician. I am sorry school closed. I like to go to school. I studied the following branches, Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography and Elocution. I intend to take up Grammar and History yet this summer. My teacher's name is Elmer E. Sluss. He is a good teacher. I go to the Center Sunday school. My father, mother and one of my sisters belong to the German Baptist church. Three of my brothers and three of my sisters belong to the Progressives. They do not belong to one body in this world; but I hope they will before our God appears. I will close with these few lines, hoping that my readers will pass by mistakes. I am no grammarian. My teacher said, composing is proportionably essential.

I remain yours,
JOHN B. CLAPPER.

Louisville, Ohio.

DEAR EDITOR: I like to read the little folk's letters and so I thought I would write a letter for the EVANGELIST. I have never written for this paper before. I was twelve years old the twentieth day of March. I have three sisters and two brothers. My mamma and papa and my oldest sister belong to the Brethren Church. My papa takes the EVANGELIST, and I like very much to read it. It is a good paper. We live a mile and a half from the Brethren Church. As this is my first letter I should like to see it in print.

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